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TEXT OF NIXON'S TOAST AT 22 FEB BANQUET IN PEKING

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TOAST)

PEKING NCNA IN ENGLISH 1804 GMT 22 FEB 76 OW

((TEXT)) PEKING, FEBRUARY 22, 1976 (HSINHUA) -- FOLLOWING  
IS THE FULL TEXT OF FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT RICHARD M.  
NIXON'S TOAST AT THE BANQUET GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY  
THE STATE COUNCIL HERE THIS EVENING:

MR ACTING PREMIER,

MR FOREIGN MINISTER,

AND ALL OF YOU DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ON THIS VERY  
HAPPY OCCASION.

SOON AFTER WE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT IN PEKING FOR  
OUR SECOFX VISIT

IN A CHINESE FRIEND SAID TO ME THAT TO  
MEET SOMEONE AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF BEING APART IS A  
SPECIAL PLEASURE. THAT IS EXACTLY THE WAY WE FEEL  
TONIGHT.

AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN INDICATED THAT IT WAS JUST  
4 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE  
WAS ISSUED. ((AS RECEIVED)) THAT HISTORIC DOCUMENT ENDED A  
GENERATION OF CONFRONTATION AND CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES  
AND BEGAN AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION AND CONSULTATION AND  
ALSO PROGRESS TOWARD BOTH GOALS WE SHARE TOGETHER.

ACTING PREMIER HUA TONIGHT HAS ELOQUENTLY SUPPORTED  
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. AND  
PRESIDENT FORD IN HIS STATE VISIT TO CHINA IN DECEMBER  
STRONGLY AFFIRMED THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR  
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. THIS INDICATES  
THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS SOMETHING MORE THAN THE USUAL  
STATEMENT SIGNED BY TWO LEADERS OF A NATION OR TWO  
NATIONS AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME. BECAUSE WHAT WE SEE  
HERE IS THAT WHILE THE INTERESTS OF GREAT POWERS ARE  
INVOLVED THAT EVEN THOUGH THE LEADERS MAY CHANGE THE  
INTERESTS REMAIN THE SAME. AND THIS IS BECAUSE THE  
PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WERE PRINCIPLES  
THAT WERE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
THOSE PRINCIPLES ARE JUST AS STRONGLY HELD TODAY AS  
THEY WERE 4 YEARS AGO.

I RECALL THAT I FIRST HAD THE HONOUR OF MEETING  
CHAIRMAN MAO 4 YEARS AGO. WE SPOKE VERY CANDIDLY  
AND HONESTLY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE CAME FROM DIFFERENT  
BACKGROUNDS AND BELIEFS ON PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

HISTORY HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER. AND NOW  
AFTER THAT MEETING HISTORY CALLS ON OUR TWO NATIONS TO  
CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION  
THAT WE LAID 4 YEARS AGO AND TO BUILD ON THE DOCUMENT  
WHICH SET FORTH THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE HAD AGREED.  
WE MUST REALIZE HOW VITAL IT IS TO DO SO, BECAUSE  
THE FUTURE NOT ONLY OF THE 800 MILLION PEOPLE WHO  
LIVE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE 200  
MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BUT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD DEPEND  
UPON THE RELIABILITY, AND THE CAPABILITY AND THE  
DETERMINATION OF OUR TWO NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR  
THE CAUSE OF PEACE WITH SECURITY FOR ALL NATIONS.

THERE ARE OF COURSE SOME WHO BELIEVE THAT THE MERE  
ACT OF SIGNING A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OR A DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE WILL BRING INSTANT AND LASTING PEACE. THIS  
IS NAIVE. THERE CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE LASTING AND ~~REAL~~ ~~SECURE~~ ~~PEACE~~ UNTIL  
*AND SECURE PEACE UNTIL*

EVERY NATION IN THE WORLD GLIBLY  
THE SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY OTHER NATION  
LARGE OR SMALL. LET ME ILLUSTRATE THAT POINT BY READING  
DIRECTLY FROM THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE: "BOTH SIDES  
ARE OF THE VIEW THAT IT WILL BE AGAINST THE INTERESTS  
OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD FOR ANY MAJOR COUNTRY  
TO COLLUDE WITH ANOTHER AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES OR FOR  
MAJOR COUNTRIES TO DIVIDE UP THE WORLD INTO SPHERES OF  
INFLUENCE."

AND WHEN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AS HAVE THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA SUBSCRIBED TO AND SUPPORTED THAT PRINCIPLE,  
THEN THERE WILL BE REAL PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL  
COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

IN HIS REMARKS TONIGHT THE ACTING PREMIER HAS  
SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY OF THE REDWOOD SAPPLINGS THAT WE  
HAD THE HONOUR TO PLANT AT THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF  
HANGCHOW 4 YEARS AGO. WHEN MY DAUGHTER JULIE  
AND HER HUSBAND DAVID EISENHOWER RETURNED FROM THEIR  
TRIP TO CHINA, THEY TOLD US THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED  
IN HANGCHOW THAT OVER 5,000 SEEDS HAD ALREADY BEEN  
TAKEN FROM THOSE SAPPLINGS AND WILL BE PLANTED ALL  
OVER CHINA. AND WHEN A DINNER WAS GIVEN FOR THEM AS  
THEY WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE CHINA FROM SHANGHAI, THEIR  
CHINESE HOST MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THOSE CALIFORNIA  
REDWOODS WERE A SYMBOL OF THE EVERGREEN FRIENDSHIP  
BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. AND TONIGHT  
I HOPE AND TRUST THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD LIKE THE  
GIANT CALIFORNIA REDWOODS CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES  
WILL GROW STRONG AND TALL IN THEIR FRIENDSHIP.

AND SO IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I ASK YOU TO  
JOIN ME IN THE RETURN TOAST

TO CHAIRMAN MAO,

TO THE ACTING PREMIER HUA,

TO ALL OF OUR HOSTS AND YOUR GUESTS AND

TO THE EVERGREEN FRIENDSHIP OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. 221804 CHERRY SE 22/1838Z FEB

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